**READWORKS UNIT**

**Teacher’s Guide**

**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs | 570L**



**Learning Goal**

Compare information from the fiction passage “The Story of the Three Little Pigs” and the book *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* to recognize how the portrayal of a character can differ between two versions of a story.

**Duration**

Approximately 20 minutes

**Necessary Materials**

Provided:

1. Questions
2. Fiction reading passage “The Story of the Three Little Pigs”

Not Provided:

*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*

* Questions 1 and 2 refer to the fiction passage “The Story of the Three Little Pigs.” Questions 3 and 4 refer to the book The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. Questions 5 and 6 refer to both the passage and the book.
* Student versions of the questions are in the 'Texts & Materials' tab.

Part 1: "The Story of the Three Little Pigs"

Read the passage “The Story of the Three Little Pigs” out loud to your students. Alternatively, students can read the passage independently or as a group.

**Question 1**: What does the wolf do that causes the houses of the first two little pigs to fall down?

Sample student answer: The wolf huffs and puffs and blows the houses down.

**Question 2**: Based on what the wolf says and does in "The Story of the Three Little Pigs," what words would you use to describe him? Give a reason for each word you choose.

Sample student answer (may vary):

* Angry: The wolf gets mad when the little pigs tell him that he can’t come inside their houses.
* Creative: The wolf tries to get at the third little pig in five different ways.
* Dumb: The third little pig tricks the wolf three times in the same way.

Part 2: The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

**Question 3**: What does Al do that causes the houses of the first two little pigs to fall down?

Sample student answer: Al huffs and snuffs and sneezes a great sneeze.

**Question 4**: Based on what Al says and does in the story, what words would you use to describe him? Give a reason for each word you choose.

Sample student answer (may vary):

* Nice: Al is making a birthday cake for his granny.
* Sick: Al has a bad cold and keeps sneezing.
* Greedy: Al has two dinners.

Part 3: “The Story of the Three Little Pigs” and The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

**Question 5**: What are the differences between the wolf in "The Story of the Three Little Pigs" and the wolf in *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*?

Sample student answer (may vary):

* In "The Story of the Three Little Pigs," the wolf knocks down the houses of the first two little pigs on purpose. In *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, the wolf knocks down the houses of the first two little pigs by accident.
* All the wolf cares about in "The Story of the Three Little Pigs" is himself and what he wants. In *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs,* the wolf also cares about another character, his granny.
* The wolf is the narrator (tells the story) in *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. The wolf is not the narrator in the other story.

**Question 6**: Think about the two versions of the three little pigs’ stories that we have read. Is the wolf bad in one of them, both of them, or neither of them? Explain why.

Sample student answer (may vary):

* The wolf is bad in "The Story of the Three Little Pigs" because he kills two pigs on purpose.
* The wolf is bad in both versions because he eats innocent pigs.

The wolf is not bad in either version. Eating pigs is what wolves do by nature. The wolf is not any worse for eating them than people are for eating hot dogs.